

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION

CRIMINAL NO. 1:07CR60

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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VS.                           )                          ORDER  
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ROBBIE SUTTLES            )  
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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on motion of Defendant's counsel  
for prior authorization for paralegal funds.

Counsel advises that he has been instructed that these funds must  
be authorized before utilizing a paralegal. However, 18 U.S.C. §  
3006A(e)(2)(A) states in pertinent part that "subject to later review,  
investigative, expert, and other services [may be obtained] without prior  
authorization . . . [provided] the total cost of services obtained without prior  
authorization may not exceed \$500[.]" Counsel states that work performed  
by his paralegal would not exceed \$500.

Inasmuch as no prior authorization is required for expenditures of paralegal expenses up to \$500, no prior authorization by this Court will be necessary.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that counsel's motion for prior authorization for paralegal funds is **DENIED**.

Signed: July 2, 2007



Lacy H. Thornburg  
United States District Judge

